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Identical letters dated 15 November 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the risks emanating from the continuation of acts by the United States Navy in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman in violation of international law and regulations.

During the past month, the United States Navy in the Persian Gulf and the Sea of Oman repeatedly violated the air space of the Islamic Republic of Iran and at the same time totally disregarded the international rules governing the safety and security of air navigation, including the Chicago Convention, and thus undermined the air safety in the Iran Flight Information Region in the Persian Gulf by undertaking high-risk air operations. Recent operations carried out by United States planes violating the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran include flights that took place over the coastal areas of Bushehr on 7, 13, 15, 20, 22, 23 and 26 October 2012, endangering the safety of air navigation in the Iran Flight Information Region.

The most recent operation was carried out on 1 November 2012 by a United States drone, which disregarded all radio warnings and penetrated into the airspace of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

These illegal and provocative acts are continuing, and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been repeatedly lodging its strong protest against military operations of the United States, emphasizing the international obligations of that State to respect the principles of international law and calling upon it to respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Since the continuation of these acts would endanger regional and international peace and security as well as the safety of civil aviation, and taking into account the unfortunate record of an attack by the United States Navy against an Iranian passenger plane, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran reminds the Secretary-General of his responsibility to maintain international peace and security. I therefore unequivocally request the Secretary-General to use his good offices before the United States Government to warn it against the continuation of acts in violation of international law and of the adverse consequences of any provocative and dangerous acts for which the United States Government would be held responsible.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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